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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE TAYLOR

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1. WE WELCOME VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY TAYLOR. SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED IN DEPENDENT SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN ATHENS WHOULD MAKE PROJECTED MARCH 31- APRIL 5 VISIT TO GREECE PARTICULARLY TIMELY. IN ADDITION, SIGNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW BILATERAL STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA) IS ANTICIPATED IN MAY-JUNE PERIOD, AND THIS, TOO, WILL BE MATTER OF INTEREST TO ASAF TAYLOR.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DETAILS OF SCHEDULE IN GREECE ARE BEING WORKED OUT BY USAF WITH INPUT FROM 7206TH ABGRP. HOWEVER, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUAINT ASSISTANT SECRETARY TAYLOW WITH THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE CHANGES IN RELATIONSHIPS AND IN THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN GREECE WHICH EVENTS OF THE PAST TWENTY MONTHS AND THE ONGOING

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BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE PRODUCING. ALTHOUGH

AMBASSADOR WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY DURING PERIOD
OF VISIT, DCM STEARNS, WHO HEADS U.S. NEGOTIATING
TEAM, WILL BE CHARGE AND WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO SEE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY TAYLOR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A CALL
EITHER ON CHIEF OR VICE CHIEF OF HAF WILL ALSO BE
ARRANGED, AND WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY
APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF EARLIER GOG ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
ALL U.S.-UTILIZED FACILITIES IN GREECE ARE GREEK
BASES AND ARE TO HAVE GREEK COMMANDERS.
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